

Tax Credit Capital Needs Assessment Requirements

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Overview

A Capital Need Assessment (CNA), is a detailed outline of the current and future physical and related financial needs of a multifamily development. A CNA must be submitted with Preservation Holdback Tax Credit Applications and must include:

Physical Inspection

A comprehensive building and site review must be completed. This will include a complete inspection of exterior building components including siding, roofing, gutters, windows, masonry, foundations, etc. At a minimum, 10% of the units will be individually inspected on developments with 150 or more units and 15% of the units will be inspected on developments with 149 or less units. Each type of unit must be included in the inspection process. Depending on the size and condition of the development, additional units may need to be inspected to assure accurate information and statistical sampling.

Interior unit inspections must include <u>all building components and fixtures</u>, e.g. doors, ceiling, walls, windows, insulation, kitchen and bath fixtures, cabinets, counter tops, paint, floor coverings, appliances, balconies, fire and emergency systems, HVAC, plumbing and electrical fixtures.

Where they exist, <u>all common areas</u> such as; lobbies, hallways, stairways, community rooms, laundry rooms, elevators, mechanical and storage rooms must be inspected. A licensed expert must provide an evaluation of the life cycle and condition of highly technical building components including:

- Central HVAC,
- Plumbing and electrical systems
- Structural integrity of buildings over 3 stories
- Elevators and
- Roofs

Site components must be inspected including all concrete/asphalt walks, driveways, parking areas and play areas. Building exterior and site lighting must be reviewed along with plantings, lawn areas, grading for soil erosion and trash dumpster areas.

Building modifications necessary to meet 504 Accessible requirements or ADA requirements must be included in the CNA.

Life Expectancy Analysis

Life expectancy of building components, fixtures, appliances and equipment, should at a minimum be projected as listed by the manufacturer. However, if actual development life cycle experience is less (which often is the case in rental properties) the cycle must be adjusted accordingly.

Financial Analysis

Review and analysis of the financial history, current financial status and projected annual financial needs related to all building components, fixtures, appliances and equipment, must be completed. For financial needs projections, contractor is to assume \$-0- is currently available for repairs and replacement. You must also assume all eligible replacement reserve items will be funded from the replacement reserve. Project annual financial needs, based on the CNA inspection, assuming funding through the tax credit compliance period or 15 years, which ever is longer.

Format

Each CNA must at a minimum containing the following:

- Title Sheet noting date of the report, development name, address, phone number, management agent, and CNA contractor's name, address and phone number.
- Table of Contents
- A narrative of relevant historical facts and summary information must be provided.
- In spreadsheet format, a recommended plan of action noting work that the
 owner/agent should anticipate being completed in the first year and each year
 thereafter. Projections must be listed annually for the first 5 years then may be
 grouped to provide physical and financial needs through years 8, 12 and 15.
 Projected costs for each phase of work must be provided. All financial projects
 must be trended to reflect projected future costs.
- Each report shall contain at least 6 labeled photographs showing typical building elevations. Areas discovered during the inspection which pose a hazard or require immediate attention must be included.

NOTE: It is no longer necessary to send two copies of the CNA – one report submitted with each tax credit application is sufficient.